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MOTHER'S DAY, 1956

The observance of Mother's Day is a rather recent one in the United States, beginning in 1907. Miss Anna M. Jarvis, of Philadelphia, had the idea that at least once a year sons and daughters should pay tribute to their mothers. She arranged for a special Mother's service in one of the Philadelphia churches and suggested that white carnations be worn by those attending.

In 1914, Congress designated the second Sunday in May as the day on which this observance be held. Since then, the observance has rapidly spread to every part of the United States and the fact that it became the custom in all of the states only four years after it had been suggested testifies to the widespread acceptance of the idea in this country.

In later years, the custom of wearing a white carnation on Mother's Day was changed and those whose mothers were still alive wore red flowers, instead of white. First observed in the United States, Mother's Day has become an international occasion, and mothers in every area of the world are now honored on Mother's Day each year.

More than anyone else, the mother, who cares for both her home and her children, is destined to influence the character and future of our country.

Often this responsibility is combined with a back-breaking and steady ordeal of sewing, washing, mending, cleaning, cooking and teaching.

It is to this mother, who dedicates the best years of her life to her home, her family and her church, that the country owes a debt of gratitude. It is this mother who represents the finest, and sweetest, ideals of our civilization.

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GEORGE ON ASWAN DAM

Senator Walter F. George has announced his opposition to U. S. participation in the financing of a proposed Egyptian dam. The dam is the controversial Aswan Dam, which — when completed — would be the world's largest.

Egypt's Premier, Gamal Abdul Nasser, has been playing the Soviet Union against the United States and Great Britain in an effort to obtain highly favorable financing terms for the construction of the mammoth dam. It has seemed in recent weeks that the United States and Great Britain were in line to finance the porject.

However, Premier Nasser has hinted again recently that he still might consider a Russian offer to finance the project.

This country is in an odd position when it is competing for the privilege of loaning a questionable ally millons of dollars. Senator George says the situation in the Middle East is so critical, and the outlook so bleak, that it would not pay us at this time to invest our funds.

Moreover, Senator George feels that the dam might open up millions of acres of Egyptian land to cotton-growing, which would provide the world with all the cotton it could use, and cut off markets for U. S. Cotton. There is valid reason for this fear, expressed by Senator George.

The British and Americans have not looked with favor upon the prospect that Soviet technicians and engineers would move into Egypt in considerable numbers—should the Soviet Union finance the Aswan Dam. That is one reason for our eagerness to participate in the financing arrangements.

However, in view of the critical situation in the Middle East, the apparent unreliable characteristics of Premier Nasser, and domestic considerations, we are inclined to agree with Senator George.

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HIGHWAY BILL MOVES ALONG

The tremendous highway construction program, as outlined in a House bill, has moved another step toward passage. Both prominent Republicans and Democrats in Congress are now predicting that the measure will soon become law.

In brief, the bill provides for over $50,000,000,000 worth of road construction in coming years, with the Federal Government providing much of the money, but with the states providing a significant portion.

The new road system would include a 40,000-mile system of interstate superhighways. Of the total cost of this superhighway system, the Federal Government would pay ninety per cent.

To help finance the huge road bill, new taxes are incorporated in the measure. These taxes are new and increased taxes for road users, and cover a sixteen-year period.

By and large, we are on the side of good roads, and perhaps a new network of national superhighways is overdue. There is still a tremendous field open to all states in the upbuilding of a network of farm-to-market roads and straightening and modernizing many of our secondary roads. Our best engineering minds should cooperate to get a very important task underway.

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PUTTING THE BEE ON PARENTS

Governor Averell Harriman, of New York, recently signed a bill which provides for the jailing of parents who do not control their children properly.

The bill authorizes fines of up to $250, and jail sentences—up to thirty days— for parents who willfully violate a court order specifying actions to prevent delinquent acts.

In other words, the bill does not place the threat of jailing over the ordinary parent's head, but if delinquency reaches a court, the court can hold parents responsible and, if necessary, jail them for not controlling their children thereafter.

We favor such legislation, and have long believed so-called juvenile delinquency is often parental delinquency, and that parents should in some cases be held responsible for uncontrolled, or illegal, behavior on the part of their offspring.

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The trouble with many filing systems is the stuff in them.

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A pretty girl can get by with murder, and often does.

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Generally speaking, local people know best how to handle local problems.

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One sure way to find out if people read the paper is to make a mistake in a news story or an advertisement!

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Estes and Adlai will get a few more answers in the Florida and the California primaries in a few days. It may be "do or die" for each.

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Peace of mind and inward happiness are life's greatest rewards, regardless of the wealth obtained.

Washington Notes

U. S. STUDENTS

There are now more than 3,000,000 students enrolled in universities and colleges throughout the United States. This is twice the attendance of 15 years ago, but the big increase is ahead. A nationwide survey reveals that the enrollment will be 6,000,000 by 1970.

HOME OWNERSHIP UP

According to a survey made in February, sixty per cent of the families in this country own their own home. This compared with 55 per cent in April, 1950, according to the Census Bureau. The greatest rise was apparent in the South, from 53.7 per cent to 60.7 per cent. The highest rate of home ownership was in the North Central States—an estimatid 66.4, while the lowest was in the Northeast, 52.1 per cent.

ROAD BUILDING

The cost of building highways has edged upward toward record levels, according to the Bureau of Public Roads. The bureau's price index, using 1946, as the base, went up 1 per cent in the first quarter to 132.4. It was 131.1 in the final quarter of 1955. The increase is attributed mainly to recent increases in the price of steel.

CAR OUTPUT CUT

A further cutback in car production during May and June is predicted by Ward's Automotive Reports because of failure of the seasonal upturn in sales to materialize. This was said to be "forcing a tighter control of record new car inventories."

R. O. T. C.

More than 15,000 cadets in the Reserve Officers Training Corps at various colleges in the nation will be trained by the Army this summer. The six-week advanced training course, to be conducted at sixteen Army forts, will start June 23 and close Aug. 3. Cadets completing the summer training course will receive a commission as a second lientenant in the Army Reserve upon graduation.

FARM ELECTRIFICATION

It is reported that more than 90 per cent of farms of the United States now have electricity. This compares with 11 per cent in 1935, just two decades ago.

CANCER COST

It is estimated that the annual cost nationally in loss of goods and services through cancer disabilities and death amounts to a staggering $12,000,000,000. This means that cancer in one year costs the average American family about $255. At the same time, the average annual donation per family to fight cancer through the American Cancer Society amounts to only 50 cents.

ARMY SURPLUS

The Army recently announced that since last June it had disposed of excess and surplus stocks worth $4,000,000,000, based on acquisition value.

LAMB TO HEAD LIONS

Los Angeles.- Carl C. Lamb was unanimously elected to head the Lions Club here. He was unopposed for the office.

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For All Men

Lesson for May 13, 1956

STRANGE as it seems, one of the hardest things for Christians to get through their heads and into their hearts is that the Gospel is for all men. Some people have always believed that God has two sons and everybody's name is on one or the other; one list is of the people whom God wants to save, and the other is the list of those who do. He has no intention of saving them, this notion is out of line with the New Testament, especially as expressed in the Gospels as I Timothy 4: "God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved." Others, as we all know, somewhere back in their minds are very slow to believe that the Gospel is really for all men.

Dr. Foreman

"The Believers Were Amazed"

Prejudice is not new in the world, not new in the church. The earliest Christians had their prejudices and some of them never recovered from them. We are told that the Roman army officer Cornelius, and his whole household —presumably servants as well as family—were converted, the believers who came from Jerusalem with Simon Peter were amazed, "because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles." These Jerusalem believers were all Jews, and Cornelius and his household were all Romans—or some other race, perhaps Egyptian or Greek—and Jews had long supposed that being the "chosen people" meant that God would have dealings with them, and with them alone, of all the peoples in the world. The "Gospel" was for God's people; and the Romans weren't God's people—as the first believers saw it. So when it was obvious that some Romans had accepted God, and God accepted them.

Prejudice, Modern Style

Is the Gospel for all men? No, some would seem to be saying. Only for white people. If it is for anybody else, let it be somewhere else not where white people worship. The gospel can't be preached to my ears but white ears in the white man's church. A preacher in a large all-white congregation reports having received grateful telephone calls from members of another race—men and women who don't get very much out of the services in the only churches where they are admitted; so they have stopped going to church and have to "make do" with the radio. Is the Gospel for all men? No, a great many American church members seem to be saying when the offering plates are passed. These members may spend generously for their own congregation. They will put out big money to build an educational plant, or an entire new church. They will buy the preacher a new car. But money for missions? Not a cent from some of these people.

God Loves All Sorts

It was not only the first believers who were "amazed" that Romans could become Christians. Believers today are shocked from time to time in the same way. The fliers in the great war who were shot down over jungles, expecting only to find in those rain-forests people singing Christian hymns; the prisoner in a Japanese concentration camp who found that one of his guards knew Jesus; the traveler in Russia who finds that there are real Russian Christians even today; these have been surprised, too. But such surprises point not only across the seas; they can happen across the tracks. Many persons show that they don't expect the Gospel to do any good except in some one kind of people. For example, everybody knew Billy Graham could reach the masses of Englishmen, the ordinary kind that will flock to a sports arena to see any kind of sensation. But when Billy Graham proposed to visit Cambridge University, many people advised him not to go. You'll never get anywhere with University students, he was told. It's the old story, the Gospel is for some people, not for all. Sometimes it's the other way around. People well-polished with education and filled with culture to the eyeglasses, don't want certain "other kinds" of people in their church; it might "lower the tone!" God loves all sorts; and if we profess to be his people, we had better learn to love other sorts than our own.

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Vera

Vera, May 7.- Everyone seems to be enjoying this pretty spring weather. It is a very busy time on the farms.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reynolds, Mrs. Lester B. Harvey, Miss Marguerite Gilliam and Mr. Lewis Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Saturday night.

Mr. Benjamin Beasley, of Richmond visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley, over the week-end.

Mr. Berle Covington spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Covington.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lewis on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Harvey, of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey.

The W. M. U. of the New Hope Baptist Church will hold their meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Carnefix on Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Harriette visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Chernault on Tuesday night.

We are sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. B. G. Anderson, and extend sympathy to his family.

Mrs. Mattie W. Coleman is visiting in the home of Mrs. Elsie Megginson.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey Jr. and T. C. III visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey Sr. on Saturday.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey, Mazie and Harriette visited in the home of Mrs. Willie Moses on Saturday.

FOREST INDUSTRIES SET PACE IN TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Richmond (Special).- Forest industries of Virginia have long been leaders in a campaign to put every idle acre to work growing trees.

According to Carl A. Oleson, of the Chesapeake Corp. of Virginia, West Point, chairman of the Virginia Committe for American Forest Products Industries, 56 per cent of total tree planting in the last five years in Virginia has been done by the forest industries. AFPI is national sponsor of the Tree Farm program.

"Virginia's forest are still producing abundantly after nearly three and a half centuries of harvesting," he said. "Those forest support a group of industries that employ more people—48,000— than any other branch of manufacturing in the state."

He pointed out that during a long period of planting, nearly 70,000 acres have been planted, mostly on privately-owned lands.

"Over the past five years, planting has averaged 8,400 acres a year, 93 per cent on private lands," he said.

In addition to planting on its own lands, wood-using industries of Virginia have sponsored and otherwise assisted in planting of small woodlots, the chairman said. Numerous industrial foresters have provided technical assistance to small landowners.

POSTER BOY DIES

Port Arthur, Texas.- Raymond Waller, 19, who had been the boy on the National Muscular Dystrophy Research Foundation's campaign posters since it was established in 1950, died here recently. Raymond wasted away, as a result of the effects of the disease, until he weighed only 35 pounds at the time of his death.

Homemakers Items

Built-In Electric Ovens

The trend in home equipment toward wider use of the separate built-in electric oven has brought with it a lot of questions from homemakers.

Miss Amelia Fuller, home economics specialist at VPI Agricultural Extension Service, says two questions frequently asked are: How can I decide on an oven height which will be comfortable for my use? What measurements should I make to be sure my oven is installed at this height?

A Cornell research study gives the answers. Comfortable use of the oven depends more on the homemaker's elbow height than on her standing height or body level. Levels preferred by homemakers for the top surface of the opened oven door ranged from 30 to 41 inches from the floor, with 34 to 39 inches the favorite level. A level that was 3 inches below the homemaker's elbow height was preferred by most.

It seems, Miss Fuller says, that each homemaker should determine her elbow height, then place the separate electric oven so that the top side of the fully opened door is between 1 and 7 inches below her elbow height.

For separate oven to be convenient and comfortable for work, you must be able to lift food in and out, turn over broiling meat, and bring foods out where you can inspect them. Most women prefer easy lifting to easy seeing. Most people taking part in the study found they could handle heavy loads with less strain if they could place them in the oven at "carrying level" or slightly below elbow height. They also found they could manage foods for the broiler better if they used the elbow level.

After the homemaker has determined the oven level she wants, she should make certain measurements to have on hand to help the dealer or contractor when he is installing the oven. (a) Find your elbow height. Wear shoes which you usually wear in the kitchen. Bend your arm at the elbow. Get someone to measure from your elbow to the floor. (b) Measure the distance from your elbow to the top side of the oven door. (c) Measure the distance from the top side of the oven door to the bottom outside of the oven where it will be supported. Then add (b) and (c). Subtract this total from (a), your elbow height. This is the height from the floor at which the contractor should build the support for your oven.

Miss Fuller also says to allow space in front of the oven to work also on both sides. A heat resistant counter near the oven is helpful as it provides a place to put hot foods as they come from the oven.

NOW THEY'LL PAY

Albuquerque, N. M.- Tax delinquents hereabouts will probably hurry to get their accounts straight with Uncle Sam. The Bureau of Revenue here has announced the employment of Ermete Poggi, better known among the battling fans as "Gorilla" Poggi, to collect delinquent taxes.

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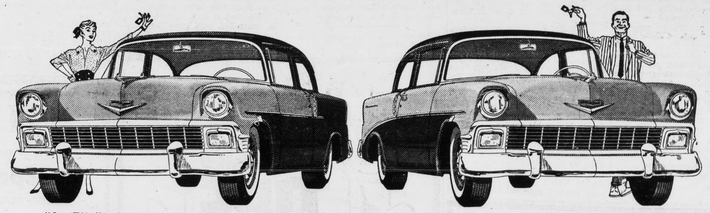

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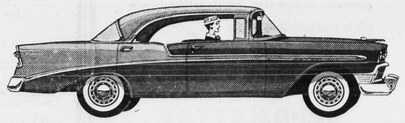

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